

**Claims**

1. A tray having a handle portion and a peripheral base surrounding the handle portion to support items placed on the tray, the handle portion protruding upwardly from the peripheral base.
2. A tray according to claim 1 wherein the base has a wall extending substantially vertically upwards from the perimeter of the base to prevent items from falling off the base.
3. A tray according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the handle portion comprises a post extending vertically upwards from the centre of the base and a lifting handle located at the top of said post.
4. A tray according to claim 3 wherein the top of the post is vertically higher than the top of the wall.
5. A tray according to claim 3 or claim 4 wherein the post tapers inwardly towards its top.
6. A tray according to any of claims 3 – 5 wherein the post is hollow.
7. A tray according to claim 6 wherein the base portion has an aperture in the centre thereof of the same dimensions as the area of the base of the post such that the hollow interior of the post is accessible from the underside of the base through said aperture.
8. A tray according to any of claims 3 – 7 wherein the top of the post has an aperture therein.
9. A tray according to any preceding claim wherein the lifting handle comprises a circular hoop portion, a shaft portion connected to the hoop portion, and a snap-fit connection on the other end of the shaft distal from the hoop.

10. A tray according to claim 9 wherein the snap-fit connection comprises a plurality of resiliently deformable arms extending parallel to each other in the axial direction of the shaft, an end of each arm distal from the shaft having a projection extending laterally outwards from the arm.

11. A tray according to claim 9 or claim 10 wherein the hoop portion, the shaft and the snap-fit connection means are all integrally formed.

10 12. A tray according to any preceding claim wherein the base portion is circular.

13. A tray according to any preceding claim wherein the post is circular in cross-section.

15 14. A tray according to any of claims 9 – 13 including a rotatable collar between the post and the lifting handle.

15 15. A tray according to claim 14 wherein the collar has a central aperture therethrough to receive the shaft of the lifting handle to retain the collar in position between the post and the lifting handle.

20 16. A tray according to claim 14 or claim 15 wherein the collar has markings on the outer surface thereof.

25 17. A tray according to any of claims 14 – 16 wherein the collar is circular.

18. A tray according to any preceding claim wherein the base portion has a plurality of feet on the underside thereof.

30 19. A tray according to claim 14 wherein the feet are formed integrally with the base.

20. A tray according to any of claims 3 – 19 wherein the base, the post and the wall are all formed as one unitary component.

21. A tray according to any of claims 1 – 7 wherein the entire tray is formed as  
5 one single unitary component.

22. A tray according to claim 20 or claim 21 wherein the unitary component is  
moulded.

10 23. A tray according to any preceding claim made from plastic, glass, a wood  
derivative or resin.

24. A tray according to any of claims 1 – 21 wherein the tray is made from metal,  
wood or a wood derivative.

15 25. A tray substantially as described herein with reference to the accompanying  
drawings.